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The department requests ACR 27 Modify statewide regulations to provide for the continuation of sport fishing business and guide registration and reporting, and vessel registration requirements to be legally consistent with statutory requirements after the repeal of AS 16.40.260 – AS 16.40.299 be withdrawn from board consideration at the October 2014 work session. The department will also not request that the board delegate to the department the authority to modify current regulations for the same purpose, as stated in RC 2 (staff comments).

The department, having consulted with the Department of Law, understands that current regulations authorized by AS 16.05.251 are sufficient to continue certain sport fishing services and guide registration, reporting and vessel registration requirements after the repeal of AS 16.40.260 - AS 16.40.299. The department will provide the board with further information at the work session regarding its plans for continuation of the program.